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R-Day amid third wave

Ahead of the Republic Day celebrations, a full-dressed rehearsal of armed personnel is being conducted at Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground. The celebrations will be low-key with a gathering of limited dignitaries, considering the rise in covid cases

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Prison or private suite?

Viral video shows rowdy getting royal treatment inside Parappana Agrahara

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The Parappana Agrahara Central Prison is in news again for wrong reasons. An old video clip of two undertrials at one of the cells surfaced on social media depicting one of them, a notorious rowdy, getting royal treatment inside the barrack during his judicial custody three years ago.

According to prison sources, the video clip is of the rowdy sheeter and gangster JCB Narayana having a gala time inside his barrack's cell with a television with remote control, fan, cot, chairs and snacks of his choice.

In the video clip, Narayana was seen talking to a prison staff and handing over cash to him along with a set of instructions that were given to him. The video prompted the state home minister to react on the issue and order an inquiry into the incident. The video has been captured by a mobile phone which was hidden and kept inside Narayana's cell, either by him or his associate. The cops are inquiring into who would have taken the video and leaked it to the public.

There was another video making rounds on social media showing that a prison staff in uniform was selling provisions to inmates in a setup inside the prison, which the staff call it a canteen. One of the inmates had recorded the video on his mobile phone and circulated it.

Reacting to the incident, sources from the prison department said that both the videos were dated back to March and July in 2019. The one with JCB Narayana was in July 2019 while he was in judicial custody. The accused Narayana was released on bail the next month on August 14, 2019, prison sources said.

After the video surfaced in February 2021, the prison department had initiated an inquiry and four prison staff who had allegedly borrowed money from the gangster have been suspended. "The staff members are yet to be reinstated for employment," prison staffers pointed out.

Viral video shows rowdy JCB Narayana handing over cash to a prison staff inside his cell, which is filled with amenities including a personal television

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>
> – Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Even the canteen video of staff selling provision is old, they added. There is a provision from the government itself to sell essentials like, soaps, shaving razors, toothpaste brush, coconut oil, biscuits, and bread apart from other essentials like cigarettes and beedis. There are provisions for televisions and newspapers also but they would be put up at hallways for more prisoners to watch and read newspapers.

Some of the prisoners who have medical conditions are entitled for home-cooked food after consent from the court, but at times, these privileges are being misused, prison sources said.

In the canteen episode, the privilege was allegedly misused by the staff who were selling eggs and suitable action was taken against who was responsible. Since then, the rules for the canteen have been strict, prison sources added.

Reacting to the reports of prisoners at Parappana Agrahara Central Jail getting special facilities illegally, CM Basavaraj Bommai said, "I will get a report on the ground realities in the jail. I will discuss the issue with the DG (Prisons) and instruct for stringent action."

Meanwhile, the Director General of Prisons, Alok Mohan has initiated a probe into the incident, on why the video surfaced again.

Prepping schools to combat fire

Headmasters, teachers, cooking staff will be trained to use fire extinguishers

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With incidents of fire accidents rising, the Department of Public Instructions has issued a circular for mandatorily installing fire extinguishers. The circular has instructed the school staff to be serviced by filling dry powder in all the government schools where mid-day meal scheme and Ksheera Bhagya programmes are implemented.

The circular also points out to the training for headmasters, teachers and cooking staff to be trained in using fire extinguishers. Meanwhile, Karnataka Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools (KAMS) opposed the Central Government's condition to submitting private schools for assuring fire and building safety affidavit for new accreditation and for renewal of accreditation.

It makes it mandatory for schools to submit in writing, "We are submitting structural stability and fire safety for next academic year," in a Rs 100 stamp paper. KAMS opposed this by saying that private schools are in a difficult situation by not even increasing the fee from the last two years and proposed conditions need an investment of more than Rs 10 lakh.

KAMS General Secretary D Shashi Kumar wrote to the chief minister to withdraw this order. "In private schools, in the name of getting stability certificates, the PWD is involved in corruption. In 2018, we approached the Supreme Court of India and the Court directed this to the Ministry of Human Resources Development.

But the Department of Public Instructions joined hands with other departments, urging the rules to be implemented in old schools also.

The order asks schools to install new and re-service old fire extinguishers. We are getting a renewal of accreditation only after all the conditions are fulfilled. But, there are no fire extinguishers in government schools. If this is the case, why are they adopting the rules that apply to new schools only?"

He said, "It is not good to compromise on children's safety. But, we are requesting that the government change the order as per the infrastructure guidelines which were earlier to 2018."

The organisation said if the rule is followed, many buildings must be demolished. It said there are rules for new schools such as the road around the school, separate staircase for ascending and descending, 10,000 litre capacity water tank and other conditions that can't be followed to old schools.

SSLC exams from March 28

Thit's official, the SSLC examinations 2022 will be held between March 28 and April 11. The time table is as follows -- March 28: First Language, March 30: Second Language, April 4: Mathematics, April 6: Social Science and April 11: Science. All the exams will be held between 10.30 am and 1.45 pm, except Second Language paper, which will be held between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm.

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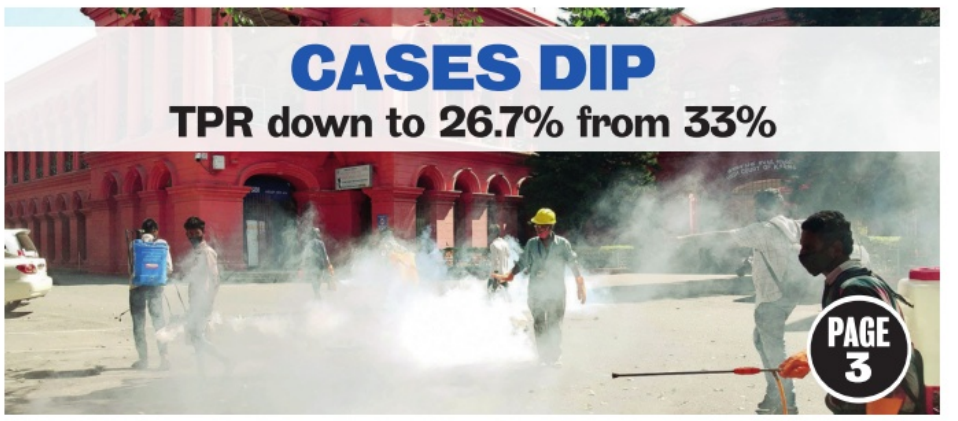

STINK BOMB: HSR Layout residents want infamous KCDC waste plant shut down for good as BBMP explores new ways to reduce horrid stink

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Civic body exploring Black Soldier Fly treatment

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"Last few days, after 6:00 pm until 8 am the next day, we are unable to keep doors or windows open. The stink is unbearable.
— Lalithamba, resident

Multiple promises were made by elected representatives to the residents of HSR Layout: to shut down the Karnataka Compost Development Corporation (KCDC) plant in the neighbourhood for good, but in vain.

Of late, the air in the vicinity has been unbreathable. Residents are suffering from foul smell and cannot keep doors or windows open or come out of houses.

Back in 2018, area MLA Sathish Reddy, had campaigned saying he would have the plan shut down if elected.

However, even after Reddy's election, nothing's been done — the plant is still functional. Residents of Kudlu, Haralur, Harlakunte, Somasundarapalya and Parangipalya continue to face health hazards.

BBMP special commissioner for solid waste management Sarfaraz Khan told BM: "For the past 4-5 days, residents have been complaining about the stink. I visited the plant and requested the KCDC chairman to visit too."

BBMP, meanwhile, is trying out a new technique: Black Soldier Fly (BSF) biowaste treatment.

"Where the flies will eat up the leachate, there will be no smell. The larvae shall be used as fish meal or chicken meal later. We started the project just eight days ago. We have doubled the spraying for odour-masking. We are trying our best to control the odour."

MLA Reddy, meanwhile, pointed out that though the plant will not shut down, efforts are on to bring down the waste reaching the plant from 450 metric tonnes to 70-80 tonnes per day: "Earlier the waste would come in from other constituencies. After the high court's order, it is now limited to Bommanahalli constituency.

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Talking heads

Police urge motorists to wear proper ISI-standard helmets — not just any head gear — at all times

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Starting March, Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) will consider all substandard helmets worn by two-wheeler riders — half-helmets, cap helmets or construction site helmets — as helmet-less offenses and the rider and/or the pillion rider who commits the offense will be penalised with Rs-500 fine.

BTP shall enforce the new norm after a month-long campaign for the general public about the importance of wearing ISI standard helmets at all times when riding a two-wheeler.

The campaign will be carried out by 42 traffic police stations across the city and has been kickstarted already by city traffic police officials who are interacting with motorists at almost all prominent traffic junctions across the city — creating awareness among citizens.

"We will not be able to practically check all the motorists — whether they are wearing ISI standard helmets or not. We would just check if the make of the helmets are safe enough to protect the head from injuries if in case the rider meets with a road accident," deputy commissioner of police for traffic in West division Kuldeep Kumar Jain told Bangalore Mirror.

According to West division traffic statistics, 64 two-wheeler riders including pillion riders were killed in the year 2021 — not

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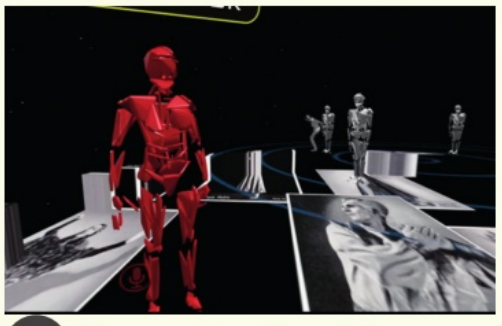
3 THINGS TO DO



01 Choreography of the future

Artificial Intelligence is a buzz words these days, but can it really offer the same movement experience as a physical body? This is the theme that the cutting-edge installation CyberBallet explores. Join in to enjoy a virtual foray into a cyber dance space with AI avatars. CyberBallet is conceived and presented by Marcel Karnapke and Björn Lengers from the Berlin-based artist collective CyberRäuber being showcased at the Attakkalari India Biennial. **Where: Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts, Wilson Garden When: Till Jan 28, 7 & 8 pm; Tickets: myinstamojo**

02 Art attack

Learn how to paint and master some cool techniques with a professional artist Chandrima Mandal. You'll be guided on learning the layering technique in poster colours. It is a 3-layered painting which has a combination of brush painting and blending method. The stationeries required include: poster colours, paint brush - flat brush - minimum size 11, medium brush - size 6 to 9, thin brush - size 1 and 0, spare unused toothbrush, pencils, eraser. **Where: Zoom When: Jan 29, 3 pm; Register: Rs 366, bookmyshow.com**

03 Watch a play

Catch Janashatru, a Kannada adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's An Enemy of the People. The play focuses on the plight and the determination of one individual. It also attempts to underscore the importance of being an individual in times of majoritarian democracy. B V Shrunga, Keerthi Bhanu, Ganesh Shenoy, Raag Urs, will be performing on stage. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar 2nd Phase; When: Feb 4, 7:30 pm Tickets: Rs 150, bookmyshow.com**

Seegehalli residents step up to fight covid

The Covid-19 dashboard created by the volunteers will help citizens keep a count of active cases in real time, track vaccinations, containment zones

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With the rise in Covid cases, citizen activism is back. Now, the residents of Seegehalli are a tap away from finding out the number of active covid cases in their neighbourhood. The Seegehalli Covid-19 dashboard created by the volunteers will be shared through WhatsApp groups, Facebook, and other social media platforms so that residents can get a real-time count of the number of active cases in the area.

The dashboard will first be shared with the associations in the apartments who in turn, will send them to the residents. The local volunteers in the apartments along with the local political groups will also circulate the dashboard to the people to ensure that it is shared with all the residents.

Through the dashboard, they will also get to know about the apartments near their area that have the maximum number of cases as well as the ones which have the least number of cases as it differentiates these apartments using colour codes.

The apartments having more than 10 active covid cases will be given a red colour code, the apartments with 5 to 10 active covid cases will be given an orange colour code and the ones having less than 5 active covid cases will be given a yellow colour code.

The dashboard will help residents stay informed on which apartments and buildings have most number of cases

> **"Through this dashboard, the residents will be notified about the areas that are promptly implementing the precautionary measures to curb the spread of the virus**
>
> – Sampath Ramanujan, campaign head

Sampath Ramanujan, who is spearheading the campaign, said: "The dashboard includes a check-list that will help residents prepare and plan better for the third wave of the pandemic. It also lays emphasis on social distancing and practising hygiene. The dashboard encourages the residents to take care of their mental health. The dashboard collects all its data from local officials, volunteers present in the apartments as well as the management committee members.

"Through this dashboard, the residents will be notified about the areas that are promptly implementing the precautionary measures to curb the spread of the virus. Along with the number of active cases, the residents will also be able to identify the percentage of vaccination coverage in the surrounding areas."

The dashboard will also put out a list of the vaccination drives that are held or will be held in the area to encourage the residents to get vaccinated. The residents will be able to make use of the constant updates from the dashboard to avoid panic and stay informed. The clear format and easy infographics used in the dashboard will make it easier for the people to understand the information provided, he added.

Fighting covid: Eating right is the way

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It's clear: Covid is not going away anytime soon. So, experts say that the best way to ward off the infection is to eat healthy and boost your immunity.

Sonitha Jacob, Senior Dietician from Rainbow Children's Hospital, Marathalli, said: "Since children below 15 are not yet vaccinated, they are more vulnerable to Omicron. During the current pandemic, it is even more important to have a healthy and balanced diet with moderate carbs, fats, and high biological value proteins. Consumption of antioxidants, vitamins and minerals should be encouraged. All vegetables like carrot, beans, capsicum and leafy vegetables should be prioritised."

She said whole grains like ragi, oats and wheat are rich sources of complex carbohydrates. Chicken, fish, egg, paneer, soya, nuts, beans etc. are some good sources of protein. Healthy fats like walnuts, almonds, and olive oil are recommended during these days. Around three to five servings of all fruits and vegetables are a must to get adequate vitamins and minerals.

Load up on vitamins, minerals, carbs and healthy fats, and drink plenty of fluids

"Most Covid patients lose their smell and taste or have trouble swallowing. It is important to eat soft food in small intervals. Turmeric milk, Citrus fruits, broccoli, garlic, red bell peppers can aid in improving immunity. Hydration is the key: Include plenty of fluids into your diet as infection may lead to dehydration. Consume at least 8-10 glasses of water or fluids."

Jacob added, "Buy only what you need. Planning your meals helps you to avoid food waste and save money. Avoid soft drinks. Replace cookies, snacks and pastries with fruits and vegetables. Cook with your family. Involve children in cooking to teach them the importance of healthy eating habits."

Apeksha Ekbote, a Chief Dietician at Nephro Plus, added that citrus fruits are an excellent source of Vitamin C, a powerful antioxidant which fights off free radicals in our blood and reduces oxidative stress. Vitamin C helps in increased production of white blood cells which help fight infections. Oranges, pineapples, sweet lime, lemon, kiwi, guava are rich in Vitamin C. Apart from this, the most neglected fruit amla/Indian Gooseberry is the one, highest in Vitamin C (Amla has 20 times more the Vitamin C than that of an orange). Citrus fruits help remove the foreign body that attacks our human system in the form of bacteria, viruses etc."

Marshals in the city fine citizens for not wearing masks or flouting covid protocols

B'luru's cases dropping slowly

Bengaluru now has only 46 per cent of the state's cases; TPR down to 26.7 per cent from 33 per cent

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Karnataka on Tuesday reported 41,400 cases while Bengaluru's share was 19,105 -- a clear indication that Bengaluru's cases are now decreasing considerably in comparison with the state's numbers.

When the third wave of Covid hit the state from December 26, the share of Bengaluru's cases in the State's tally was 85 per cent. This has now reduced to 46 per cent according to Tuesday's tally.

A health expert said: "This shows that Covid is now increasing in rural areas. The trend seen across the country is that the metros which have international connectivity are the first ones to see the rise of Covid cases while the rural areas see no or little infections. If we look the current scenario in Karnataka, the caseload is clearly shifting from Bengaluru to non-Bengaluru regions."

A senior health official added that when the restrictions were being imposed initially, it was announced that there will be separate restrictions for Bengaluru and non-Bengaluru regions.

"However, this was scrapped. When the lockdowns were lifted, then people started returning to cities and so was Covid. Hence, it was decided to have a uniform rule this year."

So, now when cities like Mumbai and Delhi are already witnessing the downward trend, when will Bengaluru see a similar plummet? "The third wave is expected to recede by February second or third week as per ICMR. We have covered 100 per cent vaccinations in the first dose and 84 per cent in the second dose which has contributed a lot in reducing severity and hospitalization," said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Though the Covid cases have comparatively reduced from a peak of 30,000, it is largely due to the dip in testing. Around two-lakh-plus tests were conducted every day in the state which has now reduced to 1,50,000. Another positive development is that the test positivity rate which was 33 per cent on Monday has reduced to 26.7 per cent on Tuesday.

Increase in deaths

For the first time in the third wave, Karnataka witnessed its highest single day tally of deaths when 52 were reported to have died of Covid on Tuesday. Bengaluru also reported its highest death tally in the third wave and crossed two digits with 19 succumbing to Covid on Tuesday.

> **We have covered 100% vaccinations in the first dose and 84% in the second dose which has helped**
>
> –Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

Dr K Sudhakar said that other than Bengaluru, the TPR has been less in other districts. It was about 22 per cent last week which has now increased to 32 per cent. About 5,230 infected persons are hospitalised including 3,442 in government and 1,788 in private hospitals.

Only about 2 per cent infected persons out of 3.62 lakh active cases are hospitalised which indicates that the severity of infection is not as high as it was during the second wave, said the minister.

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BDA staff are in a soup

Fourteen first information reports (FIR) have been registered against the staff and touts in the Bangalore Development Authority for rigging the 'foolproof' online auction of residential plots and frauds related to property registration.

These FIRs were registered at the Seshadripuram police station by the special task force and vigilance wing of the BDA between January 20 to 24.

Investors were convinced that the portal eproc.karnataka.gov.in was tamper-proof. However, it emerged that the BDA staff -- in connivance with fake property buyers -- showed a bogus payment through a bank challan.

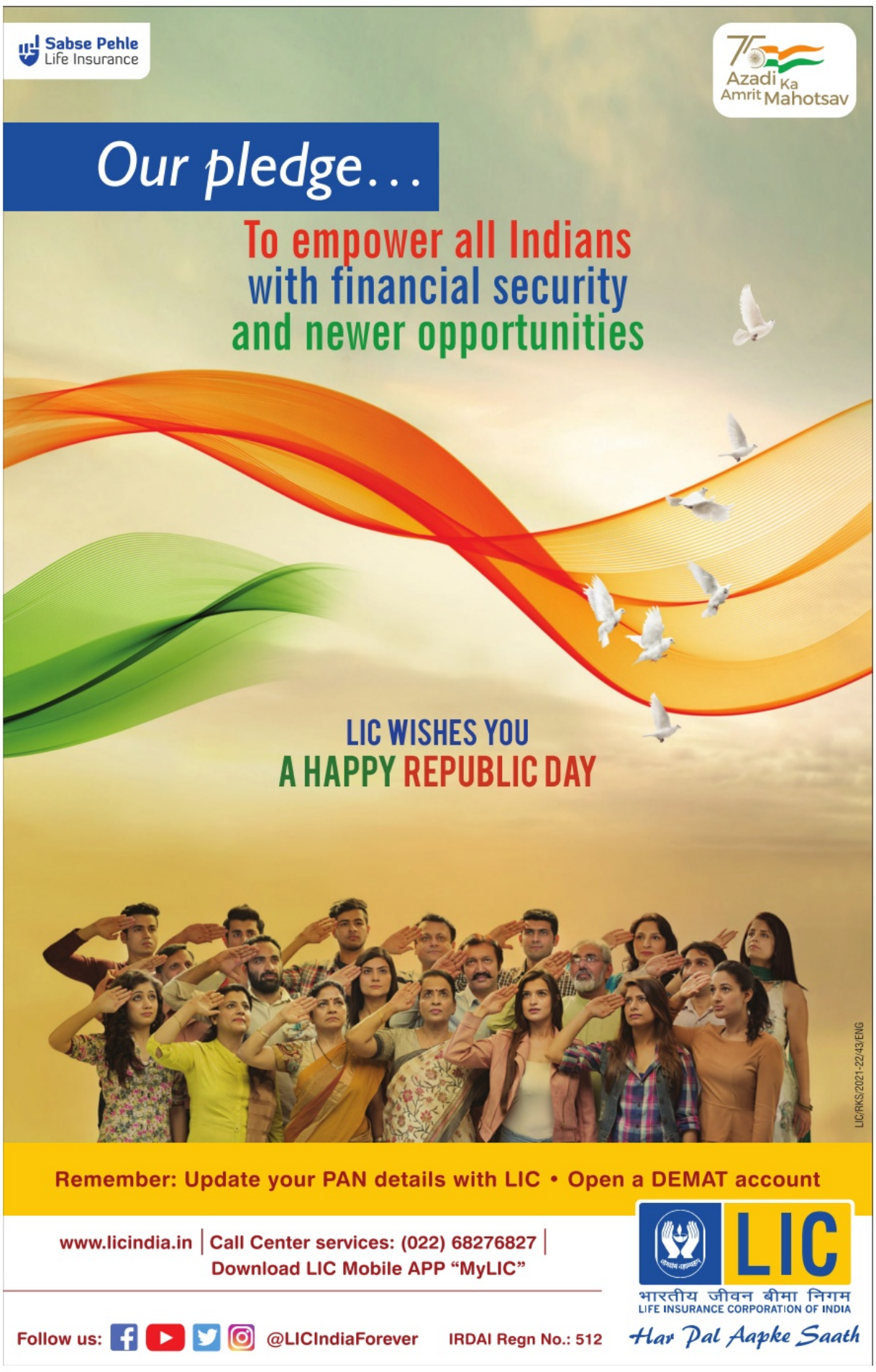
The site was blocked, forged documents were created and sold to the fake buyers. BDA sources said the scam ran into hundreds of crores of rupees. —PTI

Job scam: Pune man held

Police have nabbed a former call centre employee for cheating job aspirants on the pretext of getting them a placement in a top software company in Bengaluru, police said on Tuesday.

The accused has been identified as Sanjeev Gangaram Gurkha, 34, a resident of Chinchanwad, Pune, in Maharashtra. The accused gave advertisements on various platforms announcing recruitment to a top software company in Manyata Tech Park. He also opened eight bank accounts to receive money from gullible candidates, for laptops and other equipment. He took Rs 1.5 lakh from each, according to police.

The victims finally approached the company headquarters. The HR manager filed a complaint with Sampigehalli police on January 13. —IANS



Free electricity for homes in rural areas

As part of the Belaku scheme, BESCOM officials are conducting surveys and providing a connection to houses who cannot afford it on their own

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The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) is providing free electricity to households in rural areas as part of the Belaku scheme. So far, 2,000-plus houses have been given electricity.

Households that are listed without an electricity connection are being provided with a connection at the earliest on completion of survey by BESCOM officials.

So far, out of 4,710 houses in Chikkaballapur, more than 2,053 houses in Chintamani, Chikkaballapur, Gauribidanur, Gudibande, Sidlaghatta have been provided with electricity.

"Many of the households had no electricity. Some people who had the facility, can't afford to the pay for the charges – A BESCOM official

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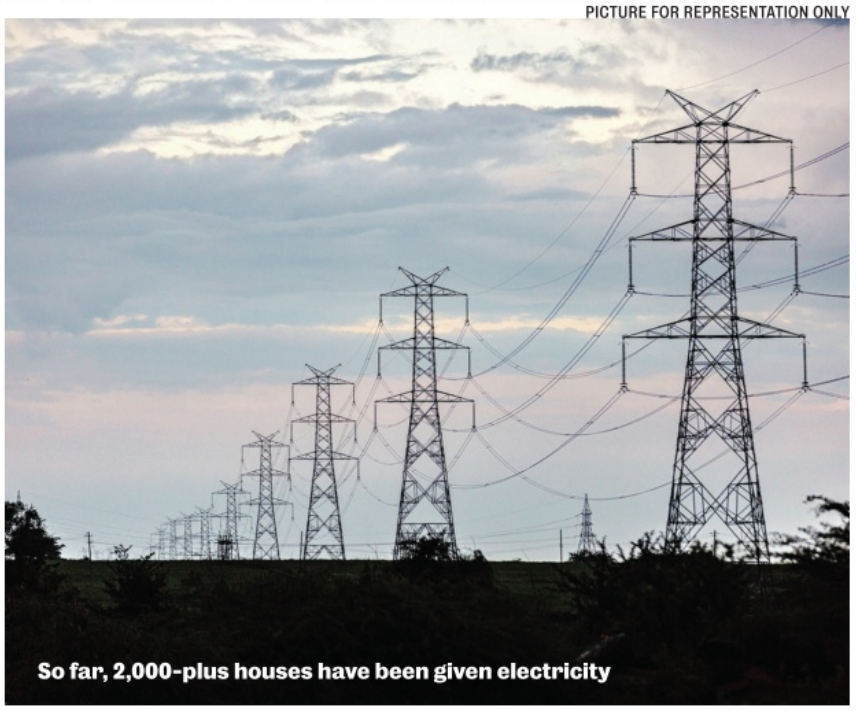

So far, 2,000-plus houses have been given electricity

In Chintamani, out of 1,906 houses, more than 849 were provided with electricity while in Chikkaballapur, out of 528 houses, 255 houses were provided electricity. In Gauribidanur, among 688 houses identified, 194 were given electricity. In Guddibande, out of 830 houses, 206 houses were given a connection. In Sidlaghatta, out of 194 houses, about 181 were given electricity.

A BESCOM official said: "A panchayat development officer (PDO), has to submit list of households with no electricity connection on behalf of town panchayat and gram panchayat to BESCOM officials. The officials will conduct a survey and collect ration card details to provide electricity connection under the scheme."

The BESCOM official added: "Many of the households had no electricity. Some people who had the facility, can't afford to the pay for the charges. Hence, providing free electricity has been helpful to many of the rural households. This is a one-of-a-kind initiative to help the people in rural areas."

What is that stench in the hood?

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It has come down from 450 MT of waste per day to 70-80 MT. Earlier the smell was up to 90%; now it's come down to 10%," Reddy told BM.

The plant is said to have been functional since 1975, when the area did not have any buildings. As years passed, many buildings came within a 2 km radius. Many other plants closed down too.

The residents said, for the past 10 days, they've been put through a tough time and want the plant shut for good: "They have reduced the waste intake, but this has not addressed the problems. The foul smell continues to emanate. In the last few days, after 6:00 pm until 8 am the next day, we are unable to keep the doors or windows open. The stink is unbearable," said Lalithamba, resident of HSR layout.

Another resident Ramakanth Nargund said: "We have spent crores of rupees to build houses and stay here; now, we do not have a breathable environment. We cannot invite guests, thanks to the bad stench. Once I started living here, I developed respiratory problems and skin rashes."

Dysfunctional bio-filters

Four years ago, at a cost of Rs 4 crore, bio-filters were added to the plant: bio-filtration is the process by which pollutants that are released into the atmosphere are made

to pass through a layer of micro-organisms that break them up and eliminate the odour. However, the bio-filters stopped working over the years — till date the filters have not been fixed. According to the residents, the plant officials sourced the filters from a Kerala manufacturer, and they have to get it rectified.

"Once the pandemic set in, officials said the team of engineers from Kerala could not come. Even before the pandemic, the situation was the same; they never came to rectify the issue. According to the SOP, a plant should have bio-filters; but this plant is running without following SOPs. There are many other manufacturers the authorities can source the filters from. They haven't done it either," said Kamesh Rastogi.

"The bio-filters are not working as there has been a technical flaw. If bio-filters are used, we need to close down the doors and the workers at the plant find it suffocating. We are now exploring new ways to get these working; even the workers can do their job without any problems by adding wind screens," said Khan.

According to Meera Rotti, another resident, the KCDC plant has become a testing centre: "Vendors are brought in with different technologies. If found not suitable, they abandon the new tech and go back to the old methodology. Earlier, we could go inside the plant, meet officials and complain; now, they have stopped us from entering the plant. The plant does not comply with international standards either."

MLA Reddy visited the plant on Tuesday after rising complaints from citizens: "We are trying to bring in waste processing units in the wards, and apartment complexes in Bommanahalli. A project report has been shared with the Chief Minister. It is a machine designed in Germany which can compost waste in 24 hours. If we have it in wards, the waste going to the KCDC plant will be reduced further." BM made multiple calls to Bommanahalli joint commissioner Radhakrishna, but could not draw a response.

A name change game is afoot

Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan is planning to submit a request to the state government to rename places in the city that have association with our colonial past. His contention is that several government institutions and public spaces are still known by their British-era names, which needs to go.

"For example, Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar is named after a British official, and Lord Curzon's wife Victoria Curzon. Minto Hospital in Chamarajpet is named after Lord Minto, the then Viceroy of India while Victoria Hospital after Queen Victoria. Similarly, Avenue Road, Lavelle Road, Cunningham Road, and many more carry British-era names," he said.

However, Reema S, a history enthusiast, said name changes do not help the people. "Is a change of name necessary? Instead of that, we should change the infrastructure and make it better. Name change may not signify anything unless it actually helps people. So, I would stress that we need to change the infrastructure and not the name."

But Mohan insists that the British-era names are symbols of slavery. "Many kings, queens, and brave hearts of Karnataka waged war against the oppressive and exploitative British rule. Countless sacrifices have been made to liberate the country from the clutches of British rule. It is our collective responsibility to commemorate the heroic freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom."

If the request is accepted by the state government the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will have to seek public consultation before the name change can be formally done. — Shreya BN

Policemen crash test substandard 'helmets'

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wearing helmets. The police noticed that around 103 riders were killed in road accidents for two reasons — they were either using substandard helmets or not wearing the helmets properly; not fastening the chin-straps and so on, said a senior police officer.

A senior doctor from NIMHANS, during a recent meeting with the joint commissioner of police (traffic) BR Ravikanthe Gowda, while the latter was interacting with the members of the general public via social media, pointed out that doctors at NIMHANS have come across multiple cases where the usage of substandard helmets was the reason for grievous head injuries inflicted upon victims. "A life-saving good quality helmet will have the back-side portion of the head fully covered until the nape which protects the back side of the skull during a fall," Jain explained.

100 'substandard' helmets crushed to pieces during a 'crash test' by the police

Police are in talks with the helmet dealers across the city requesting them to sell ISI standard helmets and refrain from selling cheap quality and substandard ones. Police will also keep a tab on hawkers who sell substandard helmets and initially warn them; if they continue their business, they would be booked under IPC 283 for obstructing the footpath and merchandise would be seized. Campaigns by the traffic police are in full swing across the city with police personnel explaining to motorists, if they could purchase a two-wheeler paying thousands if not lakhs of rupees, why could they not afford a good quality helmet which would cost somewhere between Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500. On a different note, in Kumaraswamy traffic police station limits, cops arranged around 100 substandard helmets on the road and had a truck run over crushing the head gears to pieces.

"The onlookers who saw this could have understood the impact of what their heads would have gone through if they met with an accident with such substandard helmets on their heads," a senior traffic police officer said.

When it's time to repay loan

Friend turns against woman, abuses and threatens to assault her

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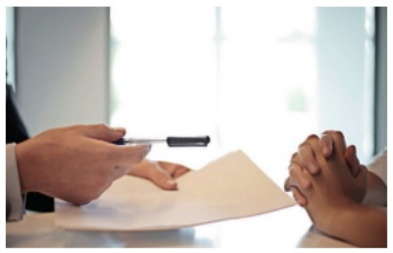
A 24-year-old woman has gone to the cops against an acquaintance friend, who she accuses of having taken a loan of Rs 2.2 lakh from her promising to get her a government job.

The accused is said to have borrowed the money, but later failed to pay up the monthly installments. The complainant on her part had taken a loan to pay the man. When bank officials started asking her for the money, she approached the man, who allegedly verbally abused her and even threatened to sexually assault her.

Aparna (name changed), a resident of 4th block in Rajajinagar, works as a customer service executive with a private company in the city. She came into contact with the man through a mutual friend.



Man allegedly asks woman to take a loan for him. When the bank comes knocking, things take a nasty turn

Recently, the man contacted Aparna and told her that he could get her a government job as he knew some influential persons and asked her to avail of a bank loan of Rs 2.2 lakh so that he would invest them in stock markets. With the high returns, he would not only pay the EMIs, but also help her with a government job, he had allegedly assured her.

Soon after, Aparna availed a bank loan and handed it over to the man, who is said to have bought a phone worth Rs 80,000. When Aparna questioned him about this purchase, the man maintained that it was for operating with the stock marketing applications.

According to the complaint, after the bank officials started inquiring about the monthly installments, Aparna contacted the man, who is said to have been rather curt with her. At one instance, he is said to have threatened her that he was not going to return the money and that she could not do anything about it. When Aparna told him that she was going to approach the police, he threatened to sexually assault her and that he is even prepared to go to jail for it. Aparna documented all the evidence and filed a complaint with the Chandra Layout police who have registered a case and are on the lookout for him. Further investigations are underway.

Woman protests against police inaction in rape case

Fashion design graduate stages protest in front of police station urging action against FB friend

A 25-year-old student has accused Bengaluru police of inaction over her complaint of rape. She has alleged that police are not arresting her Facebook friend who raped her as he is a man of influence, even six days after lodging a complaint.

The victim, a fashion designing graduate, had lodged a police complaint with Madanayakanahalli police station in the outskirts of Bengaluru on January 19. She complained that one Harsha Gowda, a local youth had raped her in his car, took her nude videos and photos. She has further alleged that, he threatened her that if she opened her mouth, her sister would also meet the same fate and her nude photos would be made viral on social media. However, the police after registering the complaint are yet to arrest the accused. Condemning the delay in making arrests, the victim had even staged a protest in front of the Madanayakanahalli police station on Monday.

When contacted, Madanayakanahalli police stated on Tuesday that they have taken up the investigation. "The victim has to make her statement before the judge. The complaint was lodged on Jan 19. She is demanding an arrest. We will take him into custody soon," the police maintained. —IANS

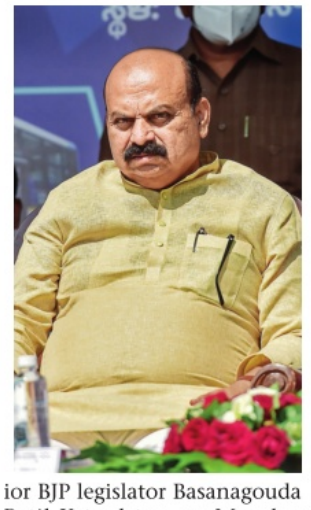
Has rejig upset some ministers? No, says CM

Bommai dismisses talk that ministers looking to jump ship; says all were taken on board before making decision

With key ministers not getting district in-charge portfolios, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai tried to downplay the issue on Tuesday. He claimed that there was no discontent among his cabinet colleagues following the appointment of district in-charge Ministers, and that he had spoken to all of them before and after carrying out the exercise. The Chief Minister's statement came even as few Ministers stopped short of openly expressing their displeasures over them not being assigned their home districts. "I have spoken to everyone (Ministers) before appointing them as district in-charge Ministers and after that as well. It is our party's national policy that Ministers should be made in-charge of other districts, not their own," Bommai said.

BM's report on Jan 25

Responding to Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar's claims that several leaders from other parties, especially from BJP are in touch with them, Bommai said, there is no question of anyone going out from the saffron party. Siddaramaiah reiterated on Monday that a few BJP and JD(S) leaders are in touch with him and he would not reveal their names. Senior BJP legislator Basanagouda Patil Yatnal too on Monday had claimed that some MLAs and Ministers, especially those who joined the saffron party from other parties, are in touch with the Congress leadership, and will jump ship, once the 2023 assembly poll schedule is announced.



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Man kills self after row with wife

A 31-year-old businessman ended his life over a domestic row in Basaveshwara Nagar on Monday night. The deceased has been identified as Chandra Pasha, a resident of Manjunath Nagar. Pasha used to run a automobile spare parts and service centre. Police said he has left behind a death note in which he accuses his wife's demands as a reason for the frequent fights between them. According to the police, Pasha took the extreme step on Monday after a fight with his wife. — BMB

Proceedings of the Returning Officer,
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It is hereby informed all the eligible voters of Karnataka Telecom Department Employees Co-Operative Society Ltd., No. 706, 1st Floor, CBI Main Road, HMT Layout, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore, that, the election for the Board of Management of Karnataka Telecom Department Employees Co-operative Society Ltd will be held on **27-01-2022, Thursday from 9.00 am. to 4.00 p.m** at **Samyukta Gujarati Samaj (Sardar Patel Bhavan), No. 16, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Opposite to Contonment Railway Station, Bangalore-52.** as per calendar of events published and sent to all the eligible voters of the society. It is requested all the eligible voter to franchise their vote and participate. While casting vote, voters shall compulsorily produce identification card issued by the society.

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All eyes on classy Zuccarelli

Kingfisher Ultra Derby has attracted five top colts of which the Mumbai hopeful is prime favourite

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The bold and beautiful and the rich and famous are ready with their many permutations and combinations to crack the jackpot and pick up big amount of pink currency on the Derby day. The Kingfisher Ultra Derby, which offers Rs 82.77 lakh to the winner has attracted five top colts including the Mumbai hopeful Zuccarelli, who is the prime favourite, and two well performed fillies vying for honours in the classic blue riband event run over a distance of 2400 metres.

A file photo of the Derby in progress. This year, of course, things are quite different with several covid restrictions in place; Inset: The top favourite Zuccarelli

The showdown at sundown on Republic Day has generated maximum interest among the racing buffs ready to pay fancy ticket price to gain entry and make a affordable investment on the horse they fancy to score in this big-ticket event.

On form, the Pune Derby winner Zuccarelli from the stables of champion trainer Pesi Shroff appears to have the best chance to wear the Derby sash. Leading saddle artiste Trevor Patel, who booted home four winners in Mumbai on Sunday, will guide the fortunes of Zuccarelli who is fancied most by the bookmakers too. The star performer from Shroff's yard is offered at (12/10) and most old hats in the game made no secret of their opinion that the Mumbai's mainhope will be hard to down in the prestigious event.

The home crowd, never mind the big Omicron threat are lining up to support the two local stars Angelico and All Attractive, while the ladies cheer brigade led by the fashion divas sporting the many designer hats are fancying the top filly Eternal Blaze to spring a surprise on the big day. Angelico and All Attractive produced a thrilling finish in the South India 2000 Guineas at Chennai. Angelico from trainer Sulaiman Attaollahi's yard, who emerged champ at Guindy, it must be mentioned retains form and fitness, while All Attractive to be piloted by Suraj Narredu has improved most and is looking to upset the applecart of the favourite Zuccarelli. The bred in the purple public choice is in fine nick taking into account his pleasing movements in the morning trials and Trevor is satisfied with the preparations of the star performer, who enjoys top billing and is well poised to record his second Derby success.

Pesi Shroff, who is enjoying a fine run in the Mumbai season is picking up plums at most other premier centres and the champion, it is needless to mention strongly fancies Zuccarelli to maintain his classic streak on D-day. The fact that Zuccarelli is on top of his game has provided most big bettors the confidence to punt big and a couple of leading bookmakers disclosed that punters are placing big bets on the hot favourite who many reckon will be hard to down.

So all said and done the stage is set and the thunder of hooves on D-day will hopefully provide a lyrical ring and fortune will favour the brave in the punters exercise to bring home the many pink sacks.

Derby day forecast

1. Totalizator Cup (Div-ii) 1200M: Magellan 1, Only You 2, High Opinion 3.

2. Saddle Up Cup 1200M: Unyielding 1, Birchwood 2, Tifanny 3.

3. Totalizator Cup (Div-I) 1200M: Douglas 1, Classic Charm 2, Tactical Command 3.

4. Mysore Race Club Trophy 1400M: Arrowette 1, Roudy 2, Stellar Gold 3.

5. Indian Republic Trophy 1200M: The Sovereign Orb 1, Watchmystars 2, Psychic Warrior 3.

6. Kingfisher Ultra Derby 2400M: Zuccarelli 1, All Attractive 2, Angelico 3.

7. T B Hanumanthraj Memorial Trophy 1200M: Silver Dew 1, Recall Of You 2, Lucky Chance 3.

8. Totalizator Cup (Div-II) 1200M: Unique Style 1, Belvedere 2, Augusto 3.

Day's Best: Unyielding.

Injury-hit BFC take on Chennaiyin

#BAMBOLIM (GOA)

On Republic Day, Bengaluru FC will clash with Chennaiyin FC at the GMC Athletic Stadium, in Bambolim in an attempt to do an encore and keep their unbeaten record intact here on Wednesday.

Bengaluru FC, 4-2 winners over Chennaiyin FC when they met in the first leg, have won four and drawn two of their last six games.

However, the fixture comes just two days after a covid-hit Bengaluru played out a 1-1 draw with FC Goa, and Pezzaiuoli reckons his side will need to bank on their character against a Chennaiyin FC side that will be tough to break down. Chennaiyin FC come into the game off the back of a narrow 2-1 defeat of NorthEast United.

"Chennaiyin switch up the way they play, changing formations multiple times and try new things," said BFC chief coach Marco Pezzaiuoli at a match-eve virtual press meet.

Bengaluru FC will miss key players through injury while it was also confirmed that one more player has tested positive, and will not be available for Wednesday's clash. Bengaluru FC will be without midfielder Danish Farooq, who picked up his fourth yellow card of the season against FC Goa. "It's tough to not know which players I have until three hours before we board the bus for the game. The boys have shown incredible character and those that are ready to take the pitch will give 100%," he added. —BMB

Bengaluru FC team celebrates during match 69 of ISL

Priceless Gold maintains winning streak

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The on-money favourite Priceless Gold proved too good in the Bangalore Race Course 159th Year Commemoration Trophy, the feature event of the winter races on Derby eve.

Suraj Narredu who piloted Priceless Gold earlier booted home Imperial Power and Star Glory to register a grand treble.

1. Luni Plate 1600M: Lantana (Shapoor Mistry) 62.5 John 1, Dream Chaser 60 P Dhebe 2, Livisilla 60.5 Vishal Bunde 3, Royal Thunder 62.5 Akshay Kumar 4. Not Run: Knotty Princess. 1-1/2l, 3l, 1-3/4l. T: 1.39.57. Tote: Rs 54 (W). 20, 19, 12 (P). Fc: Rs 626. Q: Rs 273. Shp: Rs 45. Thp: Rs 74.Trinalla: Rs 2,297 & 626. Exacta: Rs 7,624 & 16,337. Fav: Livisilla

(Darius Byramji).

2. Lakshmana Tirtha Plate (Div-II) 1200M: General Patton (Arun Alagappan) 60 John 1, Raven Rock 53.5 Jagadeesh 2, Command Post 47.4 Angad 3, Stone House 53.5 Shreyas Singh 4. All Ran. 3-1/2l, 1-1/2l, 1-3/4l. T: 1.1.3.74. Tote: Rs 23 (W). 15, 28 (P). Fc: Rs 81. Q: Rs 61. Shp: Rs 40. Thp: Rs 56. Trinalla: Rs 842 & 627. Exacta: Rs 2,334 & 593. Fav: General Patton (Arjun Mangalorkar).

3. Gateway Of India Plate 1600M: Four Wheel Drive (Akshay Karan) 61.5 Srinath 1, Pink Jasmine 56.5 Akshay Kumar 2, Electric Blue 53 Arshad Alam 3, Sacrament 57 Shane Gray 4. All Ran. 2l, Shd, 1/2l. T: 1.37.96. Tote: Rs 34 (W). 15, 13, 16 (P). Fc: Rs 130. Q: Rs 77. Shp: Rs 45. Thp: Rs 48. Trinalla: Rs 429 & 184. Exacta: Rs 1,162 & 614. Fav: Four Wheel Drive (Dominic).

4. Tetrasoft Bangalore Winter Million 1200M: Imperial Power (Kunal Gupta) 57 Suraj 1, Disruptor 57 Akshay Kumar 2, Forseti 57 Darshan 3, Stormy Ocean 57 Srinath 4. All Ran. 6-1/4l, 4-3/4l, 2-3/4l. T: 1.12.80. Tote: Rs 17 (W). 12, 16 (P). Fc: Rs 38. Q: Rs 21. Shp: Rs 29. Thp: Rs 139 & 70. Exacta: Rs 177 & 37. Fav: Imperial Power (S Narredu).

5. Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy 1200M: Star Glory (Mrs Rohini Thuppal) 56 Suraj 1, Place Vendome 54.5 Trevor 2, Tranquilo 56 Srinath 3, Chinky Pinky 54.5 Jagadeesh 4. Not Run: Desert Dance. 1-1/4l, 1-1/4l, 1/2l. T: 1.13.65. Tote: Rs 21 (W). 12, 11, 15 (P). Fc: Rs 42. Q: Rs 22. Shp: Rs 30. Thp: Rs 31. Trinalla: Rs 66 & 47. Exacta: Rs 805 & 570. Fav: Star Glory (S Narredu).

6. Banaglore Race Course 159th Year Commemoration Trophy 1600M: Priceless Gold (Zavaray Poonawalla) 60 Suraj 1, Electra 56.5 Antony Raj 2, Northern Alliance 60 Dhanu Deora 3, Automatic 58 Ahsan Qureshi 4. All Ran. 1-1/2l, 1, Nk. T: 1.38.16. Tote: Rs 14 (W). 12, 25 (P). Fc: Rs 48. Q: Rs 54. Shp: Rs 44. Thp: Rs 30. Trinalla: Rs 98 & 49. Exacta: Rs 400 & 289. Fav: Priceless Gold (Rajesh Narredu).

7. C. Narayana Reddy Memorial Trophy 1400M: Whizzo (Clinton Miller) 55 Jagadeesh 1, Caracas 53 Akshay Kumar 2, Garamond 55 Trevor 3, Ombudsman 50 Neeraj Rawal 4. All Ran. 1-1/4, Lnk, 3l. T: 1.25.18. Tote: Rs 63 (W). 19, 18, 11 (P). Fc: Rs 367. Q: Rs 314. Shp: Rs 38. Thp: Rs 57. Trinalla: Rs 692 & 290. Exacta: Rs 9,082 & 6,487. Fav: Garamond (Azhar Ali).

8. Lakshman Tirtha Plate (Div-I) 1200M: Capable (G S Reddy) 56.5 Sai Kumar 1, Golden Vision 53 Saddan Hussain 2, Gypsy 53.5 Ikram Ahmed 3, Morganite 53.5 Shreyas Singh 4. All Ran. 1/2l, 3-3/4l, 3-1/2l. T: 1.13.51. Tote: Rs 50 (W). 16, 25, 19 (P). Fc: Rs 681. Q: Rs 290. Shp: Rs 69. Thp: Rs 45. Trinalla: Rs 5,393 & 770. Exacta: Rs 7,667 & 4,107. Fav: Copper Sunrise (Sharat Kumar).

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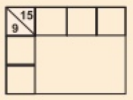

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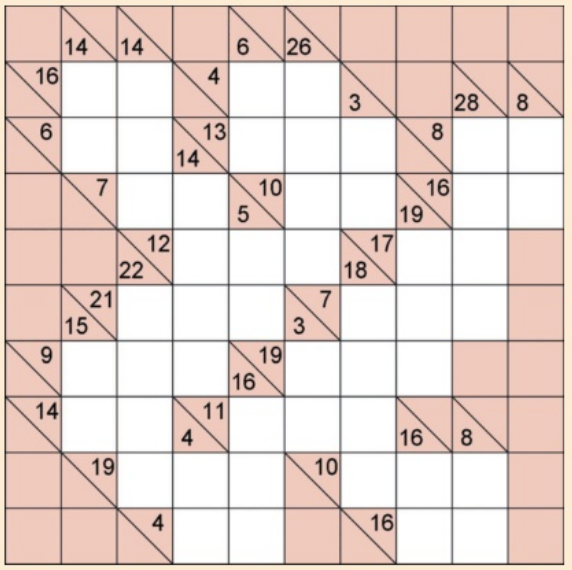

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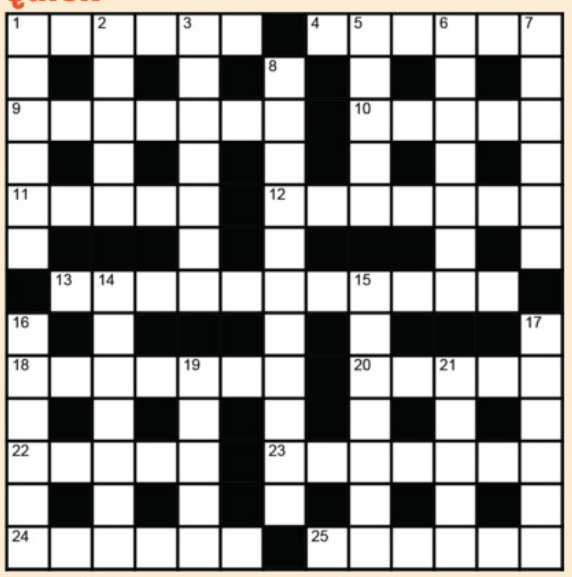

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20 Stage whisper (5)
22 Cowboy's rope, lasso (5)
23 Native of Nazareth (7)
24 Day of rest (6)
25 Counsel or opinion (6)

DOWN

1 Alarming predicament (6)
2 Heart, liver etc. (5)
3 At __ ___ : somewhere in the past, in a way? (3,4)
5 Make a bid? (5)
6 Dawn (7)
7 Cause to vanish (6)
8 Absolutely and utterly simple? (2,4,2,3)
14 Former Aussie batsman Darren ___ (7)
15 Such a room is bound to be stuffy! (7)
16 Calls off (6)
17 City of canals (6)
19 Peruvian quadruped (5)
21 Ancient British tribe (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS Y

PQPMX JRDP XTH UYPAZ DTAPX, XTH'MP SVUJRAL V QTJP ITM JWP ORAZ TI FTMBZ XTH FVAJ.

Linemaro

You must be a magician because every time I look at you, everyone else disappears

Mindchow

An optimist is one who doesn't have much experience

Joke of the day

A race track is a place where windows clean people

Loop

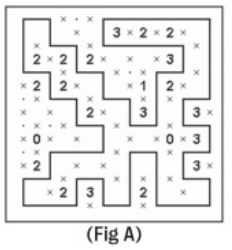
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

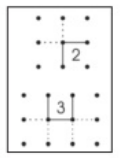
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

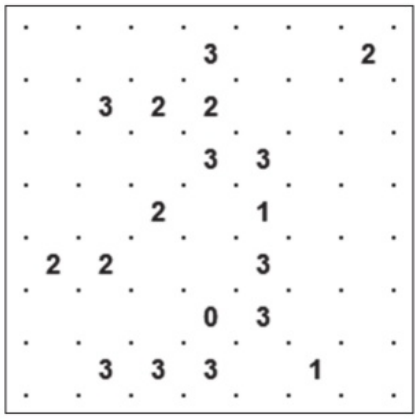
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



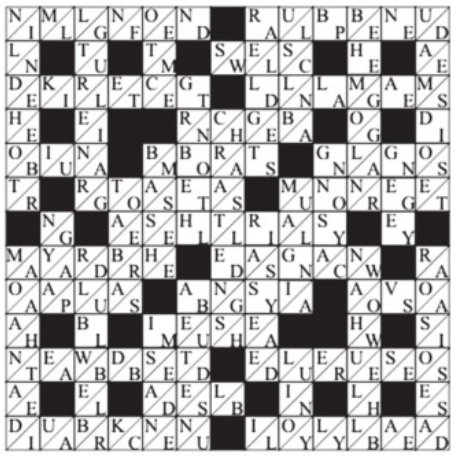
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



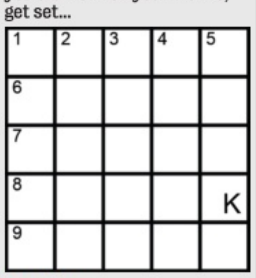
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

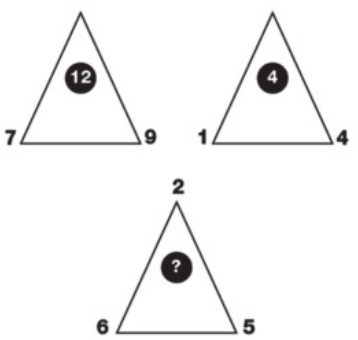
1 Sir BC; 6 Siren;
7 Oasis; 8 N Huck;
9 Is gee

DOWN

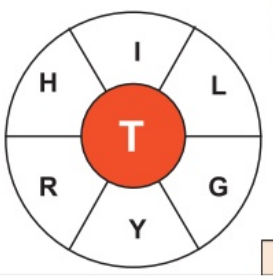
1 Or CCs; 2 Irish;
3 Sues I; 4 Begin;
5 Skean

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **06** Good; **08** Outstanding

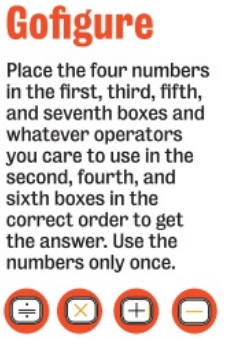
SudokuChallenge

					1	2		
6					4			
	3					7	8	1
	5				7			4
1		8	4		6	3		7
4			5				9	
8	2	6					1	
			2					8
		5	6					

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

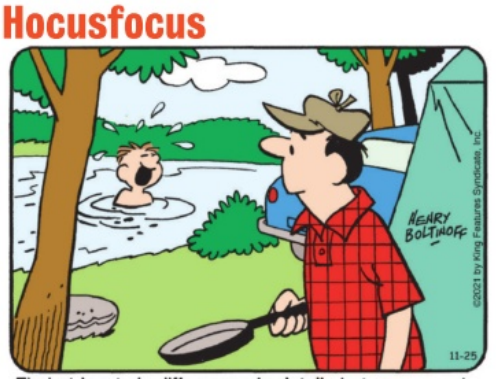


Easy = 18
3 4 4 6

Medium = 42
3 4 5 5

Hard = 12
2 7 9 7

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

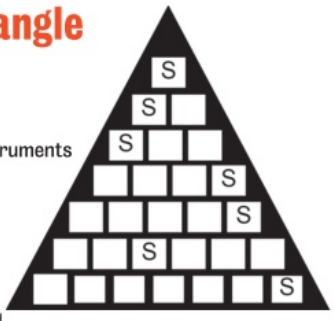
Differences: 1. Frying pan is smaller. 2. Rock is moved. 3. Tree is missing. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Car bumper is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

Riddler

Can you name the salad veggies? Use synonyms of each word in the clue; put them together to sound out the answer. 1. Taxi Shift 2. Animal-park Crucial Leg-joint 3. Signal Burden 4. Awesome Plate 5. Invigorate Each

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 South East, abbr.
3 Put in place
4 Allows or permits
5 Troubadours' instruments
6 End product
7 Shelled reptiles



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

HERMAN'S FAT PANTS:
SO, WHAT'LL IT BE?
BRING ME A GIANT MARGARITA AND A BUCKET OF BUFFALO WINGS!
YOU GOT ROOM FOR ALL THAT?
PLEASE... I'M A PROFESSIONAL
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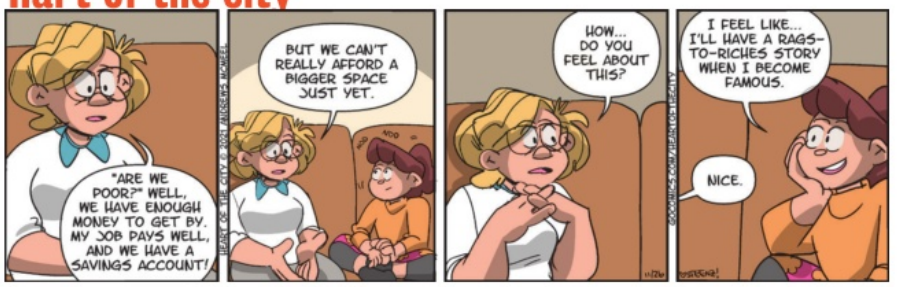
Hart of the city


"ARE WE POOR?" WELL, WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GET BY. MY JOB PAYS WELL, AND WE HAVE A SAVINGS ACCOUNT!
BUT WE CAN'T REALLY AFFORD A BIGGER SPACE JUST YET.
HOW... DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS?
I FEEL LIKE... I'LL HAVE A RAGS-TO-RICHES STORY WHEN I BECOME FAMOUS.
NICE.

Crankshaft

SO I'M ALL SET TO DO MY VIRTUAL PANEL?
ALMOST.
YOU DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE AN AMATEUR...
SO YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR BOOK SITTING COVER-OUT ON THE BOOKSHELF BEHIND YOU.
Lillian McKenzie
Murder in the Book Club
BATIUK & DAVIS
11-19

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may enjoy with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with the spouse which may boost understanding between you two. You are likely to spend money in buying some artefacts or household stuff to renovate your house. You may enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself which may give you confidence and you are likely to be able to face any type of challenges which may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to be patient in taking some financial decisions in business. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day for you; your enthusiasm may be on peak; you need to regulate enthusiasm. Self-analysis may help you to get confidence, which may increase your prestige in the society. You will resolve many problems with the help of communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may not be able to enjoy your work life as well as family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse otherwise it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying before making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out from a messy situation.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will be blessed by moon and Mars. You may be enthusiastic. You are likely start some new innovations in the business which may grow your business in near future. You may plan some renovation in the house and office with the help of your creativity. Your network may become strong now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy in family matters. You are likely to hear some good news from your family members. You may also be busy with your kids; you may plan for their academics, kids' health may likely to be under control. You are advised to be polite with the people around you, otherwise you may face some harsh arguments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be happier; you may have internal vitality which may boost your self-confidence. You are advised to avoid delays in making decisions in terms of finance, profession, and academics. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with the spouse, you are advised to keep patience which may help to maintain domestic harmony. Lovebirds may go for short trips.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and feel dissatisfaction in every moment; you may be a victim of conspiracy; you are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are advised to avoid harsh speaking; otherwise, you may face some litigations. You should avoid making investments in risky assets.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may become happy; you may be enthusiastic; you may start a new partnership which may help you to grow your business. Your seniors may appreciate your dedication towards work. You are likely to get a promotion in your current job. You may get incentives in terms of rewards. Jobseekers can expect to get a new job. Singles are likely to find their soulmate with the help of relatives.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy at work; your focus towards your goal may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication for work may be tested many times. You are likely to get some rewards because of hard work. You are likely to make investments in fixed assets also.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your destiny may help you to get success in an easy way. You are likely to visit some religious place for seeking peace of mind. You may spend your time in earning some intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may do better. Singles are likely to find good match. Lovebirds may take some important decision in terms of marriage.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull; it is advised to be careful about opponents and rivals. You are advised to avoid making arguments with the seniors. Investments in the fixed assets should be postponed for a while; it might convert into dead investments. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in the relationships.

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2923
5^2+4 = 29,
5^4+(5-2) = 23

FAST FIVE

C	R	I	B	S
R	I	S	E	N
O	S	S	I	A
C	H	U	N	K
S	I	E	G	E

RIDDLER
1. Cabbage (Cab-budge),
2. Zucchini (Zoo-key-knee),
3. Cucumber (Cue-cumber),
4. Radish (Rad-dish),
5. Pepper (Pep-per)

STRIKE OUT

I	L	L	F	E	D	R	U	B
N	U	T	S	E	C	E	E	E
D	I	R	E	C	T	L	A	M
E	E	D	B	E	N	L	E	E
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QUICK

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L	R	N	A	F	U	I		
P	R	O	T	O	N	H	O	U

MENSA PUZZLE
9. The number at the centre of each triangle equals the sum of the lower two numbers minus the top number.

BULL'S EYE
gilt, girt, girth, grit, hilt, light, right, RIGHTLY

SUDOKU

3	7	5	6	1	8	4	2	9
9	4	1	2	3	5	6	7	8
8	2	6	7	4	9	5	1	3
4	6	7	5	8	3	1	9	2
1	9	8	4	2	6	3	5	7
2	5	3	1	9	7	8	6	4
5	3	4	9	6	2	7	8	1
6	1	2	8	7	4	9	3	5
7	8	9	3	5	1	2	4	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SE, Set, Lets, Results, Turtles.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 - 4 + 4 x 3 = 18
Medium
4 + 5 x 5 - 3 = 42
Hard
7 / 7 + 2 + 9 = 12

KAKURO

16	9	7	4	1	3		26	
6	5	1	3	2	6	5	7	8
7	6	1	5	9	1	3	9	7
22	3	1	8	10	9	8		
9	1	2	4	3	1	2	4	
15	9	8	4	3	7	1	2	4
9	6	1	2	19	2	9	8	
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 # Lata Mangeshkar marginally better
Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar's health has "marginally improved" but she continues to remain in the ICU, her family said on Tuesday. The 92-year-old tested positive for covid on January 8

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The brothers are together

It was a long-standing request of the fans of Dr.Rajkumar to see Shivarajkumar, Raghavendra Rajkumar and Pueeth Rajkumar in one movie. Parvathamma Rajkumar too was keen on this. With the sudden demise of Puneeth Rajkumar, fans thought this would be an impossible dream. The makers of Puneeth Rajkumar's last movie James made this impossible dream come true.

James directed by Chetan Kumar finished shoot on Friday. Shivarajkumar and Raghavendra Rajkumar also participated in the shoot.

Chetan Kumar confirmed, "Shivanna and Raghanna appeared in a special role in our movie, James. This will fulfil the demand from the fans. But it is disheartening to continue shooting without Appu sir. When both of came together, the whole set became emotional."

He said Shivanna and Raghanna's characters are not added as an afterthought. "They have a very important role in the movie. Their words are worth listening to, and this fulfilled the many years' dream of fans.

Shivarajkumar said, "It was our desire that all three of us should act together. But we couldn't get the opportunity. Now we have the satisfaction that we acted in a movie. For information on the character and other aspects, you have to watch the movie. We completed the shoot on Friday." He said that though it was a guest appearance, it is impressive. "I am satisfied that I am part of his last movie. Let the fans have curiosity about our roles. Appu will remain with us always," he said.

Raghavendra Rajkumar said, "When I came in front of the camera with Shivanna, I felt severe pain in Appu's absence. It was disheartening that he was not here. But we also felt happy that we three are together in a movie. People will definitely appreciate our roles in the movie." **—Prakash VL**

DC film gets first trans character

When We Rise"actor Ivory Aquino has been roped in to essay the role of Alysia Yeoh in upcoming DC Comic movie "Batgirl".

According to Deadline, Yeoh's appearance will mark the first time a live-action film adaptation of a DC Comics title will feature an openly trans character.

The character, which first appeared in a 2011 issue of "Batgirl" written by Gail Simone and penciled by Ardian Sya, is the best friend of the titular superhero aka Barbara Gordon.

The film, set at HBO Max, also features actors Leslie Grace, JK Simmons, Brendan Fraser, Michael Keaton and

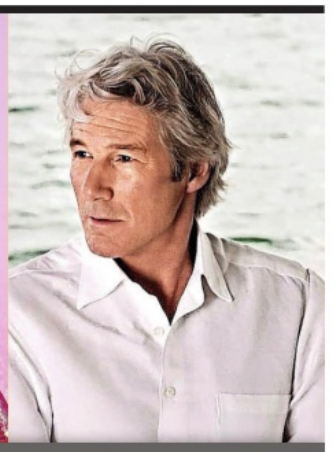
Jacob Scipio.

Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah are directing the movie.

Aquino, a transgender in real life, is best known for her performance in the Netflix series "When They See Us" and "Tales of the City" as well as ABC's "When We Rise". **PTI**

Smooch much to handle

Here's a look at kisses that created a flutter in and around B-Town



The Indian film audience may love watching a steamy kiss onscreen, but when actors dared to pucker up off-screen, it created quite a stir. As actress Shilpa Shetty was granted relief from an 'obscenity case' involving Hollywood star Richard Gere, we take a look at other kisses that made headlines over the years.

Shilpa Shetty and Richard Gere

Actress Shilpa Shetty was finally granted relief by a court 15 years after a case of obscenity was filed against her, after Hollywood actor Richard Gere kissed her on her cheek at an event in Rajasthan. The Metropolitan Magistrate, Ketaki Chavan, took into consideration the police report and documents and ruled that the charges against Shilpa were "groundless" and hence she was discharged from the offences.

Rakhi Sawant and Mika Singh

Back in 2006, Mika Singh made headlines on every news channel after he forcibly kissed Rakhi Sawant at a party. In viral photos and videos, the singer was seen forcibly taking Rakhi's face in his hands and kissing her on the lips. The incident was followed by a case of molestation being slapped against Singh. Reports stated that Rakhi complained that the singer misbehaved with her, but Singh claimed that he was just returning a kiss to the reality TV star who allegedly kissed him first.

'Groundless' obscenity charges against Shilpa Shetty have been dropped. Phew!

Bipasha Basu and Christiano Ronaldo

Ace footballer Christiano Ronaldo kissed Bollywood actress Bipasha Basu back in 2007, but we all remember it as if it were yesterday. All it took was a chaste kiss on the cheek to give way to some sensational headlines. The photos that were splashed across all news portals had everyone wondering what was really going on between the two, considering that Bips was in a relationship with fellow B-Town hottie John Abraham.

Kareena Kapoor and Shahid Kapoor

No one could believe their eyes when a video clip of Shahid Kapoor smooching his then-girlfriend Kareena Kapoor went viral. The MMS clip didn't just become the talk of the town but also became one of the most circulated videos at the time. As the tabloids say, both Kareena and Shahid denied the clip was theirs.

Deepika Padukone and Sidhartha Mallya

Deepika Padukone and Sidhartha Mallya had everyone talking after their kiss at Eden Gardens made front-page news in all tabloids. The couple, who kept their romance under the radar, surprised all with their public display of affection and their kiss while celebrating Royal Challengers' victory over Kolkata Knight Riders. **—ETimes**